

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2009. Claims 5, 10, and 11 have been canceled and claims 1 and 7 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Claim Amendments

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claim 5, which was indicated as being allowable. Dependent claim 7, indicated as being allowable, has been written in independent form, including the elements of claim 1. Applicants submit the amendments place all claims in condition for allowance and do not necessitate any new search or considerations. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C §102

Claims 1-4, 6, 10, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Winslow et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,885,299). Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection, however in the interest of advancing prosecution, claims 10 and 11 have been canceled and claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claim 5, indicated as being allowable. As such, the rejection is believed to be overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

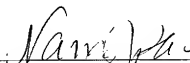
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